

COMMITTEE OF BAR EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: August 2014 – O-200

2013-2014 Goals and Accomplishments Examinations Subcommittee Updated 08/2014

1. Continue outreach and consider making final decision regarding format of the California Bar Examination, including whether it should be reduced from three days to two days.

During its October 2013 meeting, a decision was made by the Committee that further consideration of the proposal to change the format of the California Bar Examination from three days to two days be deferred until such time the Committee considers it appropriate to proceed with forwarding the proposal to the Board of Trustees for its approval.

2. In conjunction with Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination.

Reports were and will be reviewed as scheduled.

3. Edit and approve final versions of the essay questions and select performance test questions for administration on California Bar Examinations.

Questions were reviewed and approved as scheduled.

4. Provide training regarding evaluation and processing of testing accommodations petitions.

Training on the Evaluation and Processing of Testing Accommodations Petitions Submitted by Applicants with LD and AD/HD was provided at the Committee's December 2013 meeting.

5. Consider draft reports on February and July California Bar Examinations, which include analyses by GANSK.

Reports on the examination were reviewed, one was approved and approval of the other is scheduled for consideration during the August 2014 meeting.

6. In conjunction with the Subcommittee on Operations and Management, review reports on administration of the California Bar Examination.

Reports were and will be reviewed as scheduled.

7. Provide training on the Use of Laptop Computers to take examinations.

Presentation was made by ExamSoft at the Committee's June 2014 meeting.

8. Consider making final decision regarding format of the California First-Year Law Students' Examination, including whether it should be all multiple-choice.

No action taken during this Committee year.

9. Consider Proposed Guidelines for Generation of Examination Statistics and Statistics Provided to Law Schools.

No action taken during this Committee year.

10. Provide training on Testing Accommodations Under the ADAAA, FEHA, etc.

Presentation from Counsel on Processing Testing Accommodations Petitions Under the ADAAA and FEHA is to be provided at the Committee's August 2014 meeting.

11. Consider conducting future psychometric studies to ensure the reliability, validity and fairness of examinations administered by the Committee of Bar Examiners.

Ongoing

12. Receive reports on progress of Uniform Bar Examination.

Ongoing

13. Consider petitions seeking waivers of the Committee's examinations related policies, procedures and rules.

Monthly

14. Review appeals from applicants with disabilities who are appealing Senior Director, Admissions decisions relative to their requests for testing accommodations.

Monthly